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SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY EAST BERLIN EMBASSY PERSONNEL TO WESTERN
SECTORS

1. UK MISSION HAS PROVIDED US WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION,
NOT AVAILABLE WHEN TRIPARTITE PAPER ON TRAVEL WAS PREPARED--(REF-
TEL), REGARDING TRAVEL TO WESTERN SECTORS BY CERTAIN CATEGORIES
OF EMBASSY STAFF IN EAST BERLIN:

A. PERSONNEL NOT HAVING DIPLOMATIC STATUS ARE GIVEN
GDR " SERVICE IDENTITY CARDS" (DIENSTAUSWEIS). SUCH
PERSONNEL CANNOT CROSS INTO WESTERN SECTORS ON THESE
CARDS ALONE BUT MUST ALSO SHOW A PASSPORT. THEIR PASSPORTS
HOWEVER, ARE NOT STAMPED.

B. CHILDREN UNDER -4 RECEIVE NO CARDS AT ALL, AND MUST,
THEREFORE, ALSO SHOW THEIR PASSPORTS. BRITISH DO NOT
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KNOW IF THESE PASSPORTS ARE STAMPED.

2. IN LIGHT OF THIS INFORMATION, LONDON HAS DECIDED THAT AS FAR AS UK PERSONNEL ARE CONCERNED:

A. HOLDERS OF SERVICE IDENTIFICATION CARDS MAY SHOW THEIR PASSPORTS BUT SHOULD REFUSE STAMPS IF AN ATTEMPT IS MADE TO STAMP THEM.

B. CHILDREN UNDER 14 MAY ALSO USE THEIR PASSPORTS. STAMPS SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF POSSIBLE, BUT IF THIS CAUSES UNDUE TROUBLE FCO SEES NO MAJOR OBJECTION TO THEIR BEING ACCEPTED.

3. FCO CONSIDERS THAT BEST WAY OF ACHIEVING ITS DESIDERATA IN THIS CONNECTION MAY BE TO MAKE REPRESENTATION TO EAST GERMANS. UK EMBASSY, THEREFORE, WILL PRESS GDR TO CONFIRM THAT NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO STAMP PASSPORTS OF NON-DIPLOMATIC STAFF OR CHILDREN, AND UK ALSO HOPES TO GET THIS EXEMPTION FROM STAMPING EXTENDED TO OFFICIAL VISITORS TRAVELLING IN OFFICIAL EMBASSY CARS.

4. COMMENT. BRITISH TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT FOREGOING APPROACH REFLECTS LONDON'S GENERAL INCLINATION TO BE AS PRAGMATIC AS POSSIBLE IN DEALING WITH "REALITIES" IN EAST BERLIN. KLEIN

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